

PROPOSED OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE—PLEASE DO NOT ENTER

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated December 28, 2005 are respectfully requested. Claims 51-59 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 24, 26-36, and 60-70 are currently pending this application.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 61 because the Examiner believes the applicant meant to recite "the proxy server" at line 25. The applicant respectfully asserts that the applicant does not intend to recite "the proxy server" at line 25. The applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 24, 26-36, 59, 60, and 68 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Where appropriate, the applicants have amended the claims for clarity and for no other reason. The applicants respond in turn to each of the rejections, as enumerated in the Office Action pages 3-6.

1-5, 7. The applicant has amended claim 24 as suggested by the Examiner.

6. However, the applicant has not amended claim 24 at line 25 as suggested by the Examiner. The applicant respectfully asserts that the method claim need not identify the hardware that is responsible for "determining if the requested content is a static content."

8-9. The applicant has canceled claim 51.

10. The applicant has canceled claim 53.

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11. The applicant has amended claim 61 as suggested by the Examiner.

12. The applicant has amended claim 68 as suggested by the Examiner.

13. The applicant believes all dependent claims are now allowable at least for depending from an allowable base claim.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 51-59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,584,567 (Bellwood et al.) in view of US Patent Publication No. US 2002/0015497 (Maruyama et al.) and further in view of US Patent No. 6,216,212 (Challenger et al.). The applicants have canceled claims 51-58 without prejudice for the sole purpose of expediting issuance of a patent in this case. The applicants respectfully reserve the right to reintroduce the claims in a continuation, if desired. Since claims 51-59 are canceled, an analysis of the cited prior art is deemed unnecessary.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The amendment was made to expedite the prosecution of this application. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of the amended claims and reserves the right to re-introduce them and claims of an equivalent scope in a continuation application.

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If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at the number set out below.

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